

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc-resistant~~ A terminal to be electrically connected with ~~an other~~ a counterpart terminal at a contact portion thereof by ~~being engaged with~~ engaging the other counterpart terminal, the terminal, comprising:

a conductive portion of electrically conductive material; and
wherein at least an outer surface part of a final contact portion which is in contact with the counterpart terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last contact portion of the arc-resistant terminal is made of an arc resistant material mainly containing titanium, provided that the final contact portion means a portion which is separated last from the other terminal upon separating the arc-resistant terminal from the other terminal. suppressive material, most of its content being titanium.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc-resistant~~ A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the titanium content of the arc ~~resistant~~ suppressive material is 95 mass % ~~or percent~~ or higher.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc-resistant~~ A terminal according to ~~claim 1 or 2,~~ claim 1, wherein ~~a base material~~ the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc-resistant terminal pair, comprising~~ A pair of terminals including a male terminal and a female terminal ~~connectable with which engage~~ each other to establish an electrical connection, ~~wherein at least an outer surface part of a final contact portion of each of the terminals is made of an arc resistant material mainly~~

~~containing titanium, provided that the final contact portion means a portion which is separated last from the other terminal and that the final contact portions thereof are separated from each other, upon separating the two terminals.~~terminals, comprising:

_____ a conductive portion of electrically conductive material; and

_____ a final contact portion which is in contact with the counterpart terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last contact portion is made of an arc suppressive material, most of its content being titanium.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc resistant terminal~~A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the titanium content of the arc ~~resistant~~suppressive material is 95 mass % ~~or percent or higher.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An arc resistant terminal~~A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein ~~a base material~~the conductive portion of the each terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An automotive~~A connector using an arc resistant for use in an automotive vehicle and including a terminal to be electrically connected with an other~~a counterpart~~ terminal at a contact portion thereof by ~~being engaged with~~engaging the ~~other counterpart~~ terminal, wherein ~~at least an outer surface part of the terminal, comprising:~~
_____ a conductive portion of electrically conductive material; and
_____ a final contact portion of the arc resistant which is in contact with the counterpart terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last contact portion is made of an arc resistant material mainly containing titanium, provided that the final contact portion means a portion which is separated last from the other terminal upon separating the arc resistant terminal from the other terminal.suppressive material, most of its content being titanium.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An automotive~~ A connector according to claim 9, wherein the titanium content of the arc resistant suppressive material is 95 mass % ~~or percent~~ or higher.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An automotive~~ A connector according to claim 9, wherein ~~a base material~~ the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

12. (Canceled).

13. (New) A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the titanium content of the arc suppressive material is 99 mass percent or higher.

14. (New) A terminal according to claim 3, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of Cu-Mg-P alloy, a Cu-Fe-P alloy, a Cu-Sn alloy, Cu-Sn-Fe-P alloy and Cu-Zn alloy.

15. (New) A terminal according to claim 3, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of Al-Cu alloy, Al-Si alloy, and Al-Cu-Si alloy.

16. (New) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein each terminal is formed by a stripe clad material including a layer of arc suppressive material which is integral with conductive material, the stripe clad material being bent into a suitable shape.

17. (New) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the female terminal includes a leading end portion defining an opening through which the male terminal is coupled to the female terminal, and an arc suppressive layer is formed on an inner wall of the leading end portion.

18. (New) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the male terminal includes a tab portion and an arc suppressive portion which is integrally attached to the tab portion to cover a lead portion of the tab portion.

19. (New) A pair of terminals according to claim 18, wherein the tab portion and the arc suppressive portion are tapered to be thinner toward their end such that the arc suppressive portion covers the end portion of the tab portion.